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SUBJECT: INSTRUCTIONS FOR SHIPMENT OF NONCONFORMING PRIVATELY-OWNED

VEHICLES (POVS)

1. REFERENCES:

A. CONTRACT NUMBER DAMT 01-98-D2005, DTD 21 SEP 98.

B. JOINT DETERMINATION #98025/CIVILIAN TRAVEL DETERMINATION #98016,
SUBJECT: MAP ITEM 13-98/CAP ITEM 16-98, REMOVAL OF FOREIGN POV
RESTRICTIONS FROM JFTR/JTR

C. [HTTP://WWW.CUSTOMS.USTREAS.GOV/TRAVEL/AUTO.HTM](http://WWW.CUSTOMS.USTREAS.GOV/TRAVEL/AUTO.HTM)

D. [HTTP://WWW.NHTSA.DOT.GOV/CARS/RULES/IMPORT/](http://WWW.NHTSA.DOT.GOV/CARS/RULES/IMPORT/)

E. MTOP-T MESSAGE, DTG 271530 JAN 99, SUBJECT: SHIPMENT OF
NONCONFORMING PRIVATELY OWNED VEHICLES (POVS)

2. THIS MESSAGE PROVIDES UPDATED GUIDANCE CONCERNING POV SHIPPING
ENTITLEMENTS AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR SHIPPING DOD-SPONSORED POVS THAT
DO
NOT MEET U.S. SAFETY AND EMISSIONS SPECIFICATIONS, HEREAFTER REFERR
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TO AS NONCONFORMING POVS.

3. REFERENCE 1B REVISED THE JFTR TO REMOVE THE TERM FOREIGN-MADE PO
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AND REMOVED RESTRICTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH SHIPPING THESE TYPE
VEHICLES. HOWEVER, POVS IMPORTED TO THE U.S. ARE STILL SUBJECT TO
SAFETY STANDARDS UNDER THE MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY ACT OF 1966, REVISE
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UNDER THE IMPORTED VEHICLE SAFETY COMPLIANCE ACT OF 1988 RECODIFIED
AT 49 U.S.C. 301; BUMPER STANDARDS UNDER THE MOTOR VEHICLE
INFORMATION AND COST SAVINGS ACT OF 1972, (WHICH BECAME EFFECTIVE I
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1978), RECODIFIED AT 49 U.S.C. 325; AND AIR POLLUTION CONTROL
STANDARDS PROMULGATED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)
UNDER THE CLEAN AIR ACT OF 1968, AS AMENDED IN 1977 AND 1990. THES
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LAWS AND REGULATIONS APPLY TO IMPORTING POVS TO ANY STATE OF THE
UNITED STATES, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, PUERTO RICO, THE NORTHERN
MARIANA ISLANDS, GUAM, AMERICAN SAMOA, AND THE VIRGIN ISLANDS.

4. IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT A COPY OF THIS MESSAGE DETAILING T
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PROHIBITIONS AND MODIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR NONCONFORMING VEHICLES

BE PROVIDED TO THE SERVICE MEMBER DURING COUNSELING. THE COUNSELOR SHOULD ALSO ADVISE THE SERVICE MEMBER THAT THERE MAY BE SUBSTANTIAL EXCESS COSTS INVOLVED IN CONVERTING A NONCONFORMING POV TO MEET U.S.

SPECIFICATIONS. ALSO, RECOMMEND THAT THE SERVICE MEMBER BE ADVISED TO INVESTIGATE THE SITUATION THOROUGHLY BEFORE A VEHICLE IS PURCHASED

FOR IMPORTATION TO THE UNITED STATES.

5. THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT) AND THE EPA ADVISE THAT MODIFICATIONS REQUIRED TO BRING A NONCONFORMING POV INTO COMPLIANCE WITH U.S. SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS MAY BE SO EXTENSIVE AND

COSTLY THAT IT MAY BE IMPRACTICAL AND IMPOSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE SUCH COMPLIANCE. THESE MODIFICATIONS ARE PERFORMED BY REGISTERED IMPORTERS (RI) AND INDEPENDENT COMMERCIAL IMPORTERS (ICI). THE AVERAGE COST TO BRING A VEHICLE INTO COMPLIANCE WITH U.S. SPECIFICATIONS IS \$5,000 TO \$6,000. FURTHER, UNLESS A VEHICLE OF THE

SAME MODEL YEAR IS OFFERED FOR SALE IN THE U.S., IMPORTATION IS NOT RECOMMENDED. AS A GENERAL RULE, ALL POVS LESS THAN 25 YEARS OLD MUST

COMPLY WITH ALL APPLICABLE FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARDS, AND ALL POVS LESS THAN 21 YEARS OLD MUST COMPLY WITH FEDERAL EMISSIONS STANDARDS. FULFILLMENT OF FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS DOES NOT RELIEVE THE SERVICE MEMBER FROM FULFILLING SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS OF A

STATE OR DISTRICT WHERE THE VEHICLE WILL BE REGISTERED OR OPERATED.

FOR INFORMATION REGARDING REGISTRATION OR OPERATION OF A PROPERLY IMPORTED VEHICLE IN A SPECIFIC STATE, THE SERVICE MEMBER SHOULD CONTACT THE STATE/DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES OR OTHER APPROPRIATE AGENCY.

6. SERVICE MEMBERS SHOULD BE SKEPTICAL OF CLAIMS BY A FOREIGN DEALER

OR OTHER SELLER THAT A VEHICLE MEETS U.S. STANDARDS OR CAN READILY BE

BROUGHT INTO COMPLIANCE. VEHICLES MANUFACTURED TO MEET FEDERAL MOTOR

VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARDS HAVE A CERTIFICATION LABEL AFFIXED BY THE ORIGINAL MANUFACTURER IN THE AREA OF THE DRIVER-SIDE-DOOR. VEHICLES

MANUFACTURED TO MEET FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE EMISSIONS STANDARDS HAVE

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AN EMISSIONS LABEL AFFIXED IN THE ENGINE COMPARTMENT STATING THAT THE VEHICLE MEETS U.S. EPA EMISSIONS STANDARDS. VEHICLES LACKING CERTIFICATION LABELS ARE NONCONFORMING AND MUST BE BROUGHT INTO COMPLIANCE USING AN RI/ICI, EXPORTED, OR TURNED OVER TO THE U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE.

7. INFORMATION FOR IMPORTING AND CONVERTING VEHICLES TO U.S. SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE WEB SITES AT REFERENCES 1C AND 1D. INFORMATION CONCERNING VEHICLE EMISSIONS AND LISTING OF ICI COMPANIES MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE EPA, 202-564-9660. INFORMATION CONCERNING COMPLIANCE WITH MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARDS AND LISTING OF RI COMPANIES MAY BE OBTAINED AT REFERENCE 1D AND FROM THE DOT SAFETY HOTLINE, 800-424-9393 (IN U.S.), OR 202-366-0123.

8. A SERVICE MEMBER CHOOSING TO SHIP A NONCONFORMING POV TO THE UNITED STATES VIA THE DEFENSE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM (DTS) MUST, AS A CONDITION OF SHIPMENT, PROVIDE WRITTEN PROOF THAT HE/SHE HAS ENTERED INTO A CONTRACT WITH A RI/ICI, AND THAT THERE IS A COMPLIANCE AND CONVERSION AGREEMENT. THE SERVICE MEMBER MUST USE A RI/ICI LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF THE FINAL DESTINATION VEHICLE PROCESSING CENTER (VPC). THE SERVICE MEMBER WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY EXCESS COSTS RESULTING FROM THE INLAND MOVEMENT TO A RI/ICI THAT IS BEYOND THE AREA OF THE SERVICE MEMBER'S ENTITLEMENT, WHICH IS NORMALLY POV DELIVERY TO THE VPC NEAREST THE NEW PERMANENT DUTY STATION. THE SERVICE MEMBER SHOULD BE ADVISED TO OBTAIN A SIGNED COPY OF THE U.S. CUSTOMS ENTRY FORM, WHICH IS OFTEN REQUIRED BY STATE/DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES AS PART OF PROOF OF CONVERSION.

9. THIS IS A COORDINATED USTRANSCOM, MTMC, AND MILITARY SERVICES MESSAGE.

10. FURTHER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON THE MTMC WEBSITE AT WWW.MTMC.ARMY.MIL/PROPERTY. POC IS MR. CHARLES HELFRICH, MR. DAVID GIBSON, OR MS. BARBARA DINKINS, HQMTMC PERSONAL PROPERTY DIVISION, 703-681-6710/8574, DSN 761, FAX X3438, OR E-MAIL: HELFRICC@BAILEYS-EMH5.ARMY.MIL; GIBSOND@BAILEYS-EMH5.ARMY.MIL; DINKINSB@BAILEYS-EMH5.ARMY.MIL.